

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

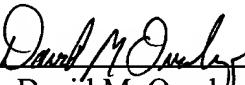
Claims 6-13 have been allowed. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Claim 14 has been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to an invention that is distinct from the invention originally presented for prosecution. As a result, claim 14 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claim 14 will be refiled in a divisional application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that there are issues remaining which must be resolved before allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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